(b) if so, what are the names of such entrepreneurs;

(c) whether this project has been cleared; and

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Sinking of Indian Fighter

1854. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 376 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28.4.93 and state:

(a) what are the causes of the accident;

(b) whether Government have constituted any enquiry to go into the details of the accident; and

(c) the details of the steps taken/likely to be taken by Government to provide financial assistance to the victims?

THE MINSITER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Government has deputed Senior Nautical Survey or to conduct preliminary inquiry into the sinking of m.v. 'Viswa Mohini' of Shipping Corporation of India. Since the enquiry is still in progress, it is premature to pin-point the causes of the accident.

(c) In consonance with the bipartite agreement between Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) and the respective Unions of Seamen, the quantum of compensation to be paid various from Rs. 5,50,000/- to Rs. 11,09,000/- for officers, Rs. 2,08,413/- to Rs. 5,22,910/ for crew and Rs. 2,75,000/- to Rs. 4,20,000/- for petty officers. In addition, compensation for loss of personal effect is also payable. The precise amount of compensation payable in respect of each person who died and each survivor is being assessed. However, ex-gratia payment amounting to Rs. 20,000 have already been made to the next of the kin of the 12 persons whose bodies had been recovered and 21 persons missing, presumed dead. In so far as the survivors are concerned, ex-gratia payments amounting to US $200 plus Rs. 5,000/- have been made to each of the survivors.

1855 [*Transferred to 13th May* 1993]

Rash Driving by Redline and other Private Bus Drivers

1856. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to ensure that the drivers of the privately run Re-line and other buses in Delhi do not drive rashly in competition with other buses on the roads as this endanger road safety; and

(b) if so, the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) As per the conditions of permits issued to these buses they are bound to follow the Rules of the Road Regulations contained in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. The Enforcement Staff of the Directorate of Transport and the Traffic